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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF COMMODITIES TO TWO SAHELIAN
COUNTRIES OF MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

SECSTATE FOR D.S. PAULSEN, AID/COM/TR; PASS J. H. MAXWELL USDA/EMS

ABIDJAN FOR ADO

1. USAID DIRECTOR WILD HAS RECIEVED PROPOSAL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CESTOS CORPORATION DR. JOHN PAYNE MITCHELL OF MONROVIA, LIBERIS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF COMMODITIES TO SAHELIAN COUNTRIES OF BAMAKO, MALI AND OUAGADOUGOU, UPPER VOLTA. THIS PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE 1) U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD DISCHARGE AT FREE PORT OF MONROVIA, MONTHLY 15,000 TONS OF RELIEF GOODS DESTINED FOR BAMAKO, MALI AND OUAGADOUGOU, UPPER VOLTA; AND 2) CESTOS CORP. WOULD TRANSPORT THESE GOODS BY ROAD TO BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU AT A RATE COMPARATIVE WITH EXISTING RATES FOR TRANSPORTING GOODS TO THESE TWO CAPITALS FROM ABIDJAN AND DAKAR PLUS HANDLING CHARGES UNQUOTE.

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2. IN ADDITION CESTOS CITES SEVERAL ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSAL WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: 1) PROPOSAL PROVIDES SHORTEST POSSIBLE ROUTE AND DELIVERY TIME BETWEEN N.Y. AND BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU, RESULTING IN SAVINGS; 2) EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT FREE PORT OF MONROVIA FOR HANDLING TRANSHIPPED GOODS AND PORT COULD TAKE 15,000 TONS MONTHLY WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL STRAIN; 3) LIBERIA IS DOLLAR AREA SAVING LOSSES FROM CONVERSION TO CFA FRANS; 4) GUARANTEE THAT DELIVERY CAN BE MADE TO BAMAKO IN 40 HOURS AND OUAGADOUGOU WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER LOADING AT FREE PORT OF MONROVIA; 5) PORT AND HANDLING CHARGES AND PORT COSTS WOULD ENABLE LIBERIAN ECONOMY TO REAP SOME BENEFITS FROM THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT FOR DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA; 6) AFRICAN COMPANY WOULD DERIVE SOME BENEFIT FROM TRANSACTION RATHER THAN ONLY FRENCH COMPANIES PRESENTLY BENEFITING BY TRANSPORTING RELIEF GOODS BY ROAD AND RAIL; 7) ALL EQUIP USED BY CESTOS IS OF AMERICAN HEAVY DUTY MAKE; AND 38 FREE PORT OF MONROVIA CAN HANDLE GRAIN OF ALL SORTS IN BULK AND BE BAGGED IN MONROVIA.

2. USAID BELIEVES PROPOSAL HAS MERIT AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AID/W'S AND USDA/EMB' COMMENTS AND REACTIONS TO PROPOSAL.
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